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For. **BAR CODE READER AND METHOD OF READING OF BAR CODE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application, which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: